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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed November 5, 2003, Applicants elect Species I (Figs. 5, 6A, and 6B), with traverse. Applicants believe that Claims 1-10 and 17 read on Species I.

The grounds for traversal are that examination of all other species would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. The non-elected claims share several common features with the elected claims, and a search for the other Species would likely overlap.

Applicants also traverse the inclusion of FIG. 11 in Species II. FIG. 11 should be included in the Species III. FIGs. 9, 10A, and 10B correspond to the second embodiment of the present invention. FIGs. 11-13, 14A, and 14B correspond to the third embodiment of the present invention.

For these reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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